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SUBJECT: GAO REVIEW OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN MULTILATERAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

REFS: A. LETTER, OCT. 1, TO AMBASSADOR MCCLINTOCK FROM GAO
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR JAMES A. DUFF
STATE 201237

1. POSTPONEMENT OF GAO VISIT FROM OCTOBER 15 (REF. A) TO NOVEMBER 17 (REF B) WOULD PUT IT IN CLOSING WEEKS OF VENEZUELAN NATIONAL ELECTIONS, WHICH END IN ELECTION DAY DECEMBER 9. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND VISIT BE FURTHER POSTPONED UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 9, TO AVOID POSSIBLE FRICTION IN ELECTION CAMPAIGN AND TO ENABLE GAO TEAM TO WORK WITH KNOWLEDGE AS TO WHO WILL CONSTITUTE FUTURE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

2. SENSITIVITY OF THIS INVESTIGATION IS HEIGHTENED BY FACT WE ARE IN TERMINAL STAGES OF CLOSING OUR BILATERAL AID PROGRAM, CONTRARY TO VENEZUELAN DESIRES. DIFFICULTIES ARE LIKELY TO ARISE NOT SO MUCH WITH UN AGENCIES, WITH WHICH WE ARE ON GOOD TERMS, AS WITH VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT.

3. WHENEVER GAO VISIT COMES, BASIC PROBLEM THAT WILL SURFACE IS EXTENT TO WHICH EMBASSY SHOULD DIVERT RESOURCES FROM HIGH PRIORITY EXPORT PROMOTION (VENEZUELA IS 12TH IN WORLD IN U.S. EXPORTS, AND
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THIRD IN LATIN AMERICA) TO INVESTIGATING INDIVIDUAL UN AID PROJECTS.

ONLY AID OFFICERS REMAINING AT POST ARE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND
AID AFFAIRS OFFICER, WHO IS ALSO ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR.
SINCE WE HAVE NO AID PERSONNEL CURRENTLY WORKING IN FIELDS RELATED
TO UN ACTIVITY, CONSIDERABLE MAN-HOURS ARE REQUIRED FOR ECONOMIC/
COMMERCIAL OFFICER TO FAMILIARIZE HIMSELF WITH INDIVIDUAL UN PROJECTS
AS REQUESTED. MOREOVER, WE QUESTION RELEVANCE OF DATA ON UN PER-
FORMANCE IN INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. OUR BILATERAL AID PROGRAM IS
BEING TERMINATED ON BASIS OF HIGH VENEZUELAN PER CAPITA GNP AND
HIGH LEVEL OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE RESERVES. WE BELIEVE THESE SAME
FACTORS ARE FUNDAMENTAL WITH RESPECT TO UN AND OTHER MULTILATERAL
AID PROGRAMS, AND QUESTION NEED FOR DETAILED INVESTIGATION OF
SPECIFIC PROJECTS.
MCCLINTOCK

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